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MINUTES OF THE JOINT MEETING
of the
SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY
and the
SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

January 19, 1999

1. Call to order.

The joint meeting of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Advisory Committee was called to order by Conservancy Chair Elizabeth Cheadle at 7:55 p.m. on January 19, 1999, at the Sooky Goldman Nature Center, Franklin Canyon Park, 2600 Franklin Canyon Drive, Beverly Hills, California.

2. Administration of oath of office to new members.

The Executive Director administered the oath of office to Ms. Kozberg as the appointee of the Governor.

The Executive Director administered the oath of office to Mr. Johnson as the representative of the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District for the Advisory Committee.

3. Roll call of Conservancy.

The Conservancy roll was called and the following members were present: Jerome Daniel, Arthur Eck, John Hisserich, Lindsey Kozberg, Jeffrey Schwartz, Michael Berger, Vice-Chair, and Elizabeth Cheadle, Chair. The following members were absent: Ed Begley, Jr., Steve Horn, and Mary Nichols. Quorum present.

4. Roll call of Advisory Committee.

The Advisory Committee roll was called and the following

members were present: Dave Brown, David Green, Mark Johnson, George Lange, Linda Palmer, Fran Pavley, and Colleen Briner-Schmidt, Chair. The following members were absent: Kathy Caldwell, Chris Evans, Rick Putnam, Paul Rockenstein, Jeff Seymour, Carolyn Van Horn, Kenneth Warner, and Alan Kishbaugh, Vice-Chair. Quorum was not present.

Staff present: Joseph T. Edmiston, AICP, Executive Director; Belinda V. Faustinos, Chief Deputy Director; Laurie Collins, Senior Staff Counsel; Rorie Skei, Deputy Director, Natural Resources and Planning; Amy Lethbridge, Deputy Executive Officer, Program Development; Paul Edelman, Division Chief; Walt Young, Division Chief; Lisa Soghor, Design Services and Streisand Center Director; Reva Concoff, Chief of Staff; Bob Blumenfield, Director of Government Affairs; Kathleen Bullard, Director of River Center; Janeen Parker, Deputy Division Chief; and Dawn De Vere, Board Secretary.

Representing the Office of the Attorney General was Terry Fujimoto, Deputy Attorney General.

5. Election of Conservancy Officers.

On motion of Mr. Berger, duly seconded, Elizabeth Cheadle was nominated as Chairperson.

On motion of Mr. Berger, duly seconded, nominations for Chairperson were closed.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Michael Berger was nominated as Vice Chairperson.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, nominations for Vice Chairperson were closed.

Ms. Cheadle and Mr. Berger were elected respectively as Chairperson and Vice Chairperson.

6. Election of Advisory Committee Officers.

Elections for Advisory Committee Officers were postponed due to lack of quorum.

7. Reports

The Conservancy received a verbal report from the Chair and Mr. Hisserich.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

The Conservancy received a verbal report from Mr. Edelman regarding Sullivan Canyon.

Questions were propounded by the Chair and Mr. Brown.

Comments by were made by the Executive Director, Ms. Palmer, and the Chair.

The Conservancy received a verbal report from the Executive Director.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by Mr. Brown.

8. Oral reports by Division Chiefs.

The Conservancy received a verbal report from Paul Edelman, Northern Division Chief.

The Conservancy received a verbal report from Janeen Parker, Southern Deputy Division Chief.

Questions were propounded by Messrs. Berger and Lange.

9. Special presentation to Marsha Feldman and Joan Pankratz, Streisand Center Docents, in recognition of their outstanding service.

This item was postponed.

10. Comments from members of the public on items not on the agenda and public

testimony on all agenda items.

The following persons addressed the Conservancy:

Jill Swift, representing Friends of Caballero Canyon, on Mulholland Drive and item 11.

Pat Bell Hearst, representing Federation of Hillside and Canyons Association, on Turning Point School.

Gordon Murley, representing Federation of Hillside and Canyons Association, on Turning Point School and item 11.

11. Final consideration of resolution amending the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Strategic Plan. [Coastal Zone item]

The Executive Director presented the staff report for this item.

Questions were propounded to staff by Mr. Hisserich and the Chair.

Comments were made by Mr. Hisserich.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Pavley and Mr. Berger.

Comments were made by the Chair, Messrs. Hisserich and Brown.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Pavley.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Hisserich, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 99-1.

(The full text of this resolution is attached.)

12. Consideration of resolution authorizing comment letter on Draft Environmental Impact Report for Stone Canyon and Encino Reservoirs Water Quality Improvement Project, City of Los Angeles.

The Executive Director presented the staff report for this

item.

Comments were made by Messrs. Daniel.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

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typographical error.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

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(The full text of this resolution is attached.)

**13. Consideration of resolution authorizing comment letter on Notice of Preparation for
Tentative Tract Map No. 52419, Live Oak Ranch, Los Angeles County.**

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Comments were made by Messrs. Green and Brown.

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Questions were propounded by Ms. Palmer.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

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(The full text of this resolution is attached.)

14. Consideration of resolution authorizing comment letter on Cypress Land Company commercial development, 27301 Agoura Road, Los Angeles County.

Comments were made by Ms. Pavley and Mr. Brown.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Schwartz and Ms. Kozberg.

Comments were made by Mr. Berger and Ms. Pavley.

Mr. Berger recommended that the letter include comments regarding restrictions on nighttime traffic and movement at the development.

Comments were made By Ms. Pavley and Mr. Brown.

Mr. Brown recommended that the letter include comments regarding water quality.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 99-4.

(The full text of this resolution is attached.)

15. Consideration of resolution adopting project plan and recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, as the designee of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, acquire and develop, for park and open space purposes, three parcels totaling 1.03 acres located in the community of Eagle Rock, City of Los Angeles (APNs 5708-007-022, 5708-002-023, and 5708-002-021), and transfer the property to the City of Los Angeles.

The Executive Director presented the staff report for this item.

Questions were propounded by Messrs. Lange, Green, Brown, Daniel, and Schwartz.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Berger, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 99-5.

(The full text of this resolution is attached.)

- 16. Consideration of resolution authorizing the acceptance of a transfer from the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority of 6.8 acres for the Los Angeles River Center and Gardens, APNs 5446-013-043, 5446-013-044, 5446-013-045, and 5446-013-049, City of Los Angeles.**

The Executive Director presented the staff report for this item.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Berger.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Berger, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 99-6.

(The full text of this resolution is attached.)

The Executive Director introduced Kathleen Bullard, Director of the River Center.

- 17. Consideration of resolution amending Resolution No. 98-130 and recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority acquire approximately 72 acres or, in the alternative, acquire an undivided interest in 184 acres located in the Eastern Malibu Canyon Viewshed from Sandra Bovenzi, Trustee, Natalie Douglas, and Ahman and Susan Shraibati, APNs 4453-001-052, 4453-001-010, 4456-033-002, 4456-033-003, 4456-033-060, and 4456-033-061. *(This item may be heard in closed session pursuant to Section 11126 Subdivision (c)(7)(A) of the Government Code.)****

The Executive Director recommended that this item be heard in closed session.

- 18. Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority transfer 1,160 square feet of the 80 acre Trebek property located in the Eastern Santa Monica Mountains, City of Los Angeles, to S. Garrett Sadler in order to correct an encroachment. *(This item may be heard in closed session pursuant to Section 11126 Subdivision (c)(7)(A) of the Government Code.)***

The Executive Director presented the staff report for this item.

Questions were propounded to staff by Mr. Lange.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Schwartz, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 99-8.

(The full text of this resolution is attached.)

19. Minutes

The open session minutes of December 14, 1998 were submitted for approval.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

The open session minutes of December 14, 1998 were approved as submitted. Ms. Kozberg was recorded as abstaining.

21. Members comments on matters not on the agenda.

Comments were made by Mr. Green regarding the Executive Director expressing views on behalf of the Conservancy and Advisory Committee.

Comments were made by the Chair, Messrs. Eck and Daniel, and Ms. Kozberg.

Comments were made by Mr. Green.

20. Closed Session (The Conservancy may hold a closed session on the following items pursuant to Section 11126 Subdivision (c)(7)(A), Section 11126.3(a), and Section 11126 Subdivision (e) paragraphs (1)-(5) of the Government Code. Confidential memoranda related to the following items may be considered during such closed session discussions.) Discussion and possible action regarding pending and/or potential litigation: *Village Properties v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy et al.; Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority v. Tucker Land Company; Los Amigos De Caballero Canyon v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation*

and Conservation Authority; Hill v. State of California; Brandon v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority; and Ramirez Canyon Preservation Fund v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy.

The Chair called a closed session at 9:45 p.m. pursuant to Section 11126 *et seq.* of the Government Code to discuss agenda item 17 and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority agenda item IV(c).

The Chair reconvened the open session at 9:55 p.m. and announced that staff gave a report regarding legal issues and potential litigation for these items.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Hisserich, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 99-7.

22. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.

The Chair announced that the next meeting would be held on February 16, 1999.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

JOSEPH T. EDMISTON, AICP
Executive Director

ELIZABETH A. CHEADLE
Chairperson